(*b*) Yes, formation of a separate Irrigation Division and the allotment of a separate Irrigation Fund.

(*c*) 3rd October 1931.

(*d*) There has been no avoidable delay. Government have been considering the proposals, and collecting necessary data and information to come to a decision on the recommendations of the Committee.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the Government have considered the proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee for the amendment of the Irrigation Cess Bill ?

PRESIDENT : The Irrigation Cess Bill does not arise out of this.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the proposal of the Committee to amend the Minor Irrigation Bill was considered ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes, it has been considered.

Clerk and peon volunteers in the Anchal Department.

287. ***MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of clerk and peon volunteers in the Anchal Department who are members of depressed classes (Christians and Hindus)

(*b*) whether they have been appointed to permanent or acting places in the Department in obedience to the Government Order regarding the same, and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the period for which they are appointed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A list containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes. Their claims are also being considered without prejudice to the claims of others.

(*c*) They are being given acting chances as vacancies arise. The following have been confirmed :—

Issac – Malayarayan (Superior Service).
T. D. Madhavan—Pulayan.
Madhava Panicker—Washerman.
V. S. Narayanan—Velan.
P. S. Narayanan—Barber.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*) : ഒഴിവുകൾ എന്നായാളിന്റെ എത്ര നാളത്തെയ്ക്ക് താൽക്കാലികമായി നിയമിച്ചു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : ഒഴിവുകൾ സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിയതായിട്ടാണ് പറയുന്നത്.

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* *Vide* Appendix ix.

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MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഇപ്പോൾ സ്ഥിരപ്പെട്ടതായ വാളണ്ടിയർമാരായിരിക്കുന്ന ആരെങ്കിലുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

Revenue and expenditure on public works in the Kartikapalli Taluk.

288. *MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the amounts of revenue derived from various sources from the taluk of Kartikapalli and the amounts spent on account of (i) the construction of roads including macadamising, and (ii) other public works, during the last ten years, *i. e.*, 1099 to 1108?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in the collection of the information will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Grant-in-aid to London Mission Vernacular Middle Schools, District I.

289. *MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether repeated applications have been made by the Manager of the London Mission Vernacular Middle Schools at Mailady and Thamarakulam, in District I, for grant-in-aid for the years 1106-1108, for classes newly opened;

(*b*) whether the grants have been paid;

(*c*) if not, why not?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Applications were received.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of funds.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): May I know whether any exception was made in the case of any school for grant being paid?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Since this answer was given, a certain number of complete schools, which have not been given grant-in-aid, were given grants; and for the information of the member I may say two schools have been given aid.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether grant has been awarded to any school subsequent to that?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The question of giving grants depends not on the application alone. It is a matter of policy. At one time, Government may not have funds. At another time, the schools may not deserve it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): How many schools are there which have not yet received grant-in-aid and which were started in 1106?

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